

REMARKS

The Office Action requires Applicants to elect an invention to which the claims will be restricted. The Office Action indicates the following groupings:

Group I. Claims 1 - 6 and 37, drawn to a product composition.

Group II. Claims 7 - 18, 32, and 34 - 45, drawn to a method subcombination.

Group III. Claims 19 - 31 and 33, drawn to a method subcombination.

Applicants elect with traverse the claims of Group II (i.e.; Claims 7 - 18, 32, and 34 - 45). The traversal is on the basis that as Group II and Group III are inter-related, the search and examination of these groupings can be made together without serious burden. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement as it pertains to Group II and Group III be reconsidered and withdrawn.

SUMMARY

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 9, 2005. Applicants elect with traverse the claims of Group II. For the reasons presented herewith, Applicants respectfully request the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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